(c) whether implementation of the revival scheme is awaiting clearance from the promoter i.e. Government of India;

(d) whether BIFR has giventwo months' time ıg which the company would be sold;

(e) if so, the reasons for the delay in taking the decision to revive this company and the time frame set by Government to commence the revival process'[1]

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) yes. Sir

(b) to (e) The revival scheme of BSC'L is under consideration of the Government for finalisation of its views on the revival plan. Since BSCL is multi-unit & multi-product company, thorough examination required for determing its viability was a time consuming process for the consultant. BIFR, however has given two months time for firming-up the Govt's views. BIFR will finally examine the revival plan after taking into account the views of all interested parties including the promotors.

Autonomy to PSUs

1716. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(;!! whether there is any proposal to impart more autonomy to PSUs and make them more accountable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) am! lb) Making PSUs moie autonomous and more accountable is a continuous process for which need based steps are taken bv the Government from time to time.

Survey to find out SC&'STs/OBC* and Minorities below Poverty Line

1717 SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to find out the number of SCs, STs, Backward Classes and minorities in the country who are below poverty line;

(b) if so. the details thereof, Statewise,

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard"

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) As per the information received from the Planning Commission, the State-wise data on the percentage of SCs living below the poverty line is available for 1977-78 and 1983-84, and given in the enclosed statement *(Sec* below). There are 29.05 million, i.e. 49.87% of the estimated population belonging to STs below the poverty line in 1987-88, but State-wise data is not available.

No such survey has bt>;n done in respect of the minorities and the Backward Classes,

Statement

Estimates of persons below Poverty Line (Annexture-l}

Percentage of SC Households to total (Rural A Urban) Households below Poverty Line during 1977-

78 and 1983-84

s. No.	States/UTs	Scheduled Caste 1977-78	1983-84
1.	Andhra Pradesh	59.34	51.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh		